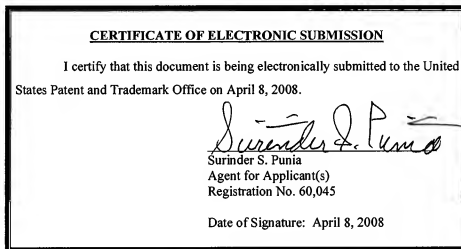


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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2)**

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement relating to the above-referenced patent application.

Out of an abundance of caution (occasioned by the CAFC decision in McKesson v. Bridge), applicants hereby notify the examiner of the following copending U.S. application: serial number 11/180,483 filed July 12, 2005.

Two references related to the above-referenced copending application are not prior art, but are submitted in response to the decisions of the CAFC in *Akron Polymer Container v. Exxel Container* [40 USPQ2d 1265] and *Bristol-Myers Squibb v. Rhone Poulenc Rorer* [66 USPQ2d 1481].

A first Office Action has been received in the present case and a second Non-Final Office Action is pending. It is requested that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Office in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the \$180.00 filing fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 08-1935.

Respectfully submitted,

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